

I'm an XM subscriber living on the fringes of the NY metropolitan area, between NY and Philadelphia.

The local radio stations don't provide traffic coverage worthy of the name for much of my ride to and from work each day. Only one, WAXQ makes a pretense at covering traffic in the area, and their coverage is wrong so often that my coworkers and I often joke that the best thing to do is take the opposite of their advice - if they say the road is congested, they frequently cite exits that don't exist, and they're wrong...

XM's New York Metropolitan coverage actually does seem to extend to my area and provide accurate coverage - plus I get the traffic information I want without listening to the annoying banter on the only terrestrial station that provides coverage.

How on earth could removing XM's competing service possibly further competition or service to the consumers in the New York Area?

Let me my local stations compete by offering better service, programming I want to listen to, etc. I bought an XM radio because local radio is dismal, and since I'm outside their target 14 - 20-something demographic, they don't care. Keep the government out of determining who can provide what services to me - if my local broadcasters aren't interested in providing good service, I should have the right to get it elsewhere.